LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT CUNNIFF FUTURE OPERATIONS OFFICER, U.S. NORTHERN COMMAND

Lieutenant Colonel Rob Cunniff was assigned to the Future Operations Division of United States Northern Command in Colorado Springs, Colorado in June 2006. He currently serves as the Command's CBRNE Consequence Management Response Force (CCMRF) action officer.

LTC Cunniff is originally from Kingston, Massachusetts. He is a Distinguished Military Graduate from Norwich University and graduated in 1990 with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Physical Education. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry.

After completion of the Infantry Officer Basic Course, and U. S. Army Ranger School in 1991, he was assigned to the Second Infantry Division at Camp Greaves, Korea where he served in company grade staff and troop leading positions of the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry. After serving 15 months in Korea, LTC Cunniff was assigned to Fort Carson, Colorado and 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry and later deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

After graduation from the Infantry Advance Course in 1995, he was assigned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina where he served as a planner on the XVIII Airborne Corps G-3 staff. He subsequently served as the Regimental Plans officer for 3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division and commanded Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment for 20 months. While in command, LTC Cunniff deployed his company to Kuwait in support of Operation Southern Watch.

Following command, LTC Cunniff was assigned to Port Polk, Louisiana and the Joint Readiness Training Center. While at JRTC he served as a Company, Battalion, and Brigade Operations Observer Controller and as the Training Center Liaison Officer to United States Forces Command and the Combat Training Center Division of Training and Doctrine Command.

In 2003, he returned to Korea and 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment as the Battalion Operations Officer. In 2004, LTC Cunniff deployed with the 506th Infantry to Habbaniyah, Iraq and served under 1st Marine Division during Operation Iraqi Freedom. During his assignment to Iraq, LTC Cunniff additionally served as the Brigade Executive Officer of 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division in Ramadi, Iraq under the Second Marine Division. He deployed the Brigade from combat in 2005 to Fort Carson, Colorado.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Korea Defense Service Medal. He also wears the Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge, and Expert Infantryman Badge.